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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO :17974 of 2005

DATED:16-08-2005

Between:

1. N.Sreeramulu and 8 others.

..... PETITIONERS

AND

1. The Union of India, rep.by its Secretary,

Telecommunication and 3 others

.....RESPONDENTS

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HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioners aggrieved by the inaction of the

respondents in implementing the pay-scale of Rs.4000-6000 on completion of 16 years of service from the date of their first appointment in terms of the judgment of the Central Administrative Tribunal in O.A.No.1966 of 1999 dated 09-08-2000 as confirmed by the judgment of this Court in W.P.No.14744 of 2001 dated 16-10-2003.

2. At the time of hearing, it is represented by both sides that this Court considered the same issue in a batch of writ petitions and passed orders in the following terms:

> "In view of the above decision, there is no justification to deny the benefit to the petitioners to be treated on par with others, who are similarly placed, for placing in the scale of Rs.4000-6000. However, the claim of the petitioners is restricted prospectively granting the benefit only from 01-01-2005. The petitioners are not entitled for any back wages prior to the said period as admittedly the petitioners approached this Court by filing the present writ petitions only on 28-12-2004.
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> Accordingly, the respondents are directed to place the petitioners in the pay scale of Rs.4000-6000 applicable to Group-C employees from the date of their entitlement notionally, but the monetary benefits are only from 01-01-2005."

3. Following the same, the present writ petition is allowed to the extent indicated above. No order as to costs.

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S.ANANDA REDDY, J

16th August, 2005

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